

REMARKS

As a preliminary matter, the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) filed April 22, 2004, allegedly fails to comply with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97, 1.98 and MPEP §609 because the cited foreign prior art is not accompanied with an English-language abstract. In response, Applicant submits that the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98 for foreign language documents is satisfied because JPA-7-306953 is cited in and discussed on page 3 in the specification of the present application. Applicant pointed this much out on page 2 of the IDS filed on April 22, 2004. An English-language abstract is only one of several ways in which an Applicant may satisfy the concise explanation requirement. Applicant believes that said concise explanation requirement was satisfied when the IDS was submitted on April 22, 2004. However, in an effort to advance prosecution, Applicant submits herewith an English-language abstract of JPA 7-306953. Applicant is only submitting this abstract for the Examiner's convenience, however Applicant does not believe that this submission is necessary to satisfy the concise explanation requirement, as this requirement was satisfied previously on April 22, 2004.

Also, as a preliminary matter, the specification is objected to based on the reasons set forth in numbered paragraph 2 on page 2 of the present Office Action. Applicant amends the specification, as indicated herein, and Applicant believes that the Examiner's objections to the specification are obviated.

As a preliminary matter, the drawings are objected to based on the reasons set forth in numbered paragraph 3 in the Office Action. Applicant believes that this objection is now obviated.

Finally, claims 1, 10, and 11 are objected based on the reasons set forth in numbered paragraph 4 on page 3 of the Office Action. Applicant amends these claims, as indicated herein, and believes that these amendments obviate the Examiner's objections to claims 1, 10, and 11.

Claims 1-11 are all the claims pending in the present application. Claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Mizuno (US Patent No. 6,463,183) in view of Tam et al. (US Patent No. 5,754,186). Claim 11 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Mizuno, Tam, and further in view of Dempski et al. (US Publication Application No. 2004/0155902).

§103(a) Rejections (Mizuno/Tam) - Claims 1-10

Claims 1-10 are rejected based on the reasons set forth on pages 4-7 of the present Office Action. Applicant traverses these rejections at least based on the foregoing reasons. With respect to independent claim 1, Applicant submits that neither Mizuno nor Tam, either alone or in combination, discloses or suggest at least, "extracting input drawing static information from a drawn input image every predetermined time," as recited in claim 1. That is, the entire image data processing method of Mizuno is implemented by the CPU executing in a loop programming structure (see Figure 8 of Mizuno) (See page 4, lines 8-12). Even if, *arguendo*, the flowchart shown in Figure 8 of Mizuno indicates a loop of steps, Mizuno does not teach that one cycle is executed every predetermined period. Thus, neither Mizuno nor Tam, either alone or in combination, discloses or suggests at least the above-quoted feature of claim 1. Therefore, at least based on the foregoing, Applicant submits that independent claim 1 is patentably distinguishable over the applied references, either alone or in combination.

Applicant submits that independent claim 7 is patentable at least based on reasons similar to those set forth above with respect to claim 1.

Applicant submits that dependent claims 2-6, 8, and 9 are patentable at least by virtue or their respective dependencies from independent claims 1 and 7.

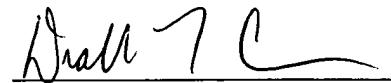
§103(a) Rejections (Mizuno/Tam/Dempski) - Claim 11

Applicant submits that claim 11 is patentable at least based on reasons similar to those set forth above with respect to claim 1. Dempski does not make up for the deficiencies of Mizuno and Tam.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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